By the King.

¶ Letters Patents, commanding that no greater or other Cuſtomes, Impoſts, Fees, Entrie-Siluer, or other dueties whatſoeuer, ſhalbe hereafter taken, exacted or receiued, by any Officers or Subiects of England and Ireland, from Scottiſh-men, or Scottiſh Ships, or any Goods or Merchandizes Imported or Exported by them or their Ships, then is vſually receiued from Engliſh and Iriſh men, Engliſh and Iriſh Ships, or any Goods Imported or exported by them or their Ships, to or from England and Ireland, in all reſpects: And that Scottiſh Ships bee no more reputed or accompted Strangers Bottomes, but free Bottomes, paying no more Cuſtomes, Impoſitions or other dueties for Goods Imported, or Exported by them, then if they were Imported or exported in Engliſh or Iriſh Bottomes, to or from England or Ireland.

IAmes by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. **To Our right truſtie and right welbeloued couſen and Counſellour** Thomas **Earle of Suffolke, Lord high Treaſurer of England, And to the Treaſurer, Chancellour, vnder Treaſurer, Chamberlaines and Barons of Our Exchequer of England for the time being, And to Our Attourney Generall for the time being, And to all and ſinguler Our Cuſtomers, Collectours, Fermours, Comptrollers, and other Officers of all and euery Our Cuſtomes, Subſidies, Impoſts, Butlarage, Priſage, and other dueties within all and euery Our Ports, Hauens, Creekes, Members and places whatſoeuer, within Our Realme of England for the time being, and which hereafter ſhall be; And to Our right truſtie, and right welbeloued, Sir** Arthour Chicheſter **Knight, Baron of Belfaſt, Lord Deputie of Our Realme of Ireland, And to the Lord Deputie, Lord Lieutenant, Lord Juſtice, and chiefe Gouernour of Ireland for the time being, And to the Treaſurer, Chancellour, Vice-Treaſurer, and Treaſurer, at Warres, and Barons, and other Our Officers of Our Exchequer of Ireland for the time being, And to all and ſinguler Our Cuſtomers, Collectours, Fermours, Comptrollers, and other Officers of all and euery Our Cuſtomes, Subſidies, Impoſts, Butlarage, Priſage, and other dueties, within all and euery Our Ports, Hauens, Creekes, Members, and places whatſoeuer, within Our Realme of Ireland for the time being, and which hereafter ſhalbe, and to euery of them, Greeting. Whereas euer ſithence Our comming to the poſſeſſion of the Imperial Crowne of the Kingdomes of England and Ireland, Our full reſolution and conſtant purpoſe and meaning was, and alwayes hath bene by all good meanes to ſet forward and aduance Trade, Trafique and Merchandize, aſwell within Our Kingdome of Scotland, as in Our Kingdomes of England and Ireland, and to augment and increaſe**

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the Ships, Shippings, and Nauigation of the same Kingdomes of England, Scotland and Ireland, for the wealth, strength and prosperitie of the same Kingdomes; And for that purpose, and to giue the better encouragement vnto Our naturall Subiects of the said Kingdome of Scotland, to set forward and increase their Trade, Shipping and Commerce; Wee haue heretofore giuen diuers and sundry priuate directions to diuers Farmors of Our Customes, Subsidies, Imposts, and other dueties, aswell within Our Port of London, as in diuers other Ports and places in England; That Our said Subiects of Scotland, nor their Ships, Pinaces, Lighters or other Vessels, nor any of their goods, wares, or merchandizes, either brought into this Realme of England, or into the said Realme of Ireland, or transported out of the same Realmes of England and Ireland, or either of them, should be charged with the payment of any greater or other Customes, Subsidies, Tonnage, Butlarage, Prisage, Imposts, Impositions, or other payments, summes of money, or dueties whatsoeuer, for or in respect of any their Ships, or other Vessels, vpon pretence and allegation that their said Ships were strange and vnfree Bottomes, or for or in respect of any such Exportation, or Importation of any wares, Merchandizes, or commodities into the said Kingdomes of England or Ireland, or either of them, and the Ilands vnder the Dominions of the same; Then onely with such and the same, and no greater nor other then Englishmen, for and in respect of their Ships, or for or in respect of any Importation or Exportation of goods, wares, Merchandizes and commodities into the said Kingdome of England, and the Dominions of the same; or Irishmen for or in respect of their Ships, or for or in respect of any Importation or exportation of goods, wares, Merchandizes and commodities into the said Kingdom of Ireland, or the dominions of the same, or either of them are from time to time respectiuely charged withall. AND whereas notwithstanding Our said Princely resolution, constant care and directions so giuen, as aforesaid, for the aduancing of the good estate of Our said kingdome of Scotland, We are neuertheless giuen to vnderstand by the manifold complaints of diuers Our good Subiects of that Kingdome, that they, their Ships, Barks and other vessels, goods, wares, and Merchandizes are from time to time, aswell in diuers Ports, Hauens, and places of lading and vnlading within Our Realme of England, as also in diuers Ports, Hauens and places of lading & vnlading within Our said Realme of Ireland, charged and burthened with diuers more and greater Customes, Subsidies, Impositions, taxations, paiments, and summes of money, then Our naturall Subiects of England, or Our Subiects of Ireland are seuerally and respectiuely charged withall, contrary to Our good meaning in that behalfe: WE vnderstanding that the Farmors and Officers of Our Customes, Subsidies, Imposts, and other dueties within Our Port of London, and other of Our principall Ports, hauing taken notice of Our good pleasure & intention concerning the premisses, haue from time to time duetifully & obediently submitted themselues thereunto: AND therefore supposing that ignorance of Our Princely Will, and not any wilfull neglect or contempt of Our pleasure, hath caused some other of Our Customers, Farmors and Officers of Our said Realmes of England and Ireland, to whom Our good purpose and intention was not so well knowen, to run vnwittingly into Our displeasure; WE haue therefore thought good to giue generall and publique declaration and notification of Our pleasure and Will herein, to the intent that none of Our Subiects, either in England or Ireland, may pretend ignorance in that behalfe. AND therefore doe by these presents signifie and declare aswell vnto you the persons aboue mentioned, as vnto all other Our Officers, ministers and Subiects whatsoeuer within Our said Realmes of England and Ireland, and either of them whom it doth

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and shall concerne, That our Royall will, pleasure and expresse commandement is, that no more greater or other Customes, Subsidies, Butlerage, Pallage, Tonnage, Imposts, impositions, dueties, payments, or summes of money, Fees for Entries, or other Fees, or rewards whatsoeuer, shall at any time hereafter be taken, receiued, exacted, required, challenged or demanded by any our Officers or Subiects of England or Ireland, of any Scottishman or Scottishmen, or any other person or persons borne within our Realme of Scotland, for or in respect of their persons, countrey or nation, or for, or in respect of any the Ships, Pinaces, Barks, boats or vessels, of any such Scottishman or Scottishmen, as vnfree Bottoms, comming, arriuing or remayning within any Port or Ports, Hauen or hauens, or other creeke or place, creeks or places within our said Realmes of England and Ireland, or either of them, or the dominions of them, or either of them, for exercise or trade of Merchandize, or for or in respect of any Goods, Wares, Merchandize or commodities whatsoeuer, by any such Scottishman or Scottishmen, imported or brought in, or hereafter to be imported and brought into the said Realmes of England and Ireland, or Exported and caried out, or hereafter to bee Exported and caried out of the same kingdomes, or either of them; Then onely such and the same, which are and lawfully ought to be taken, required and had of the naturall borne Subiects of England, and the naturall borne Subiects of Ireland, seuerally and respectiuely in the like cases, and for the like respects, Any former Law, statute, custome, ordinance, vsage prouision, or any other matter or thing whatsoeuer to the contrary notwithstanding; Willing and straitly charging and commanding all our officers, ministers and Subiects whatsoeuer, aswell within our kingdome of England, as within our kingdom of Ireland, to whō it appertaineth, That they and euery of them take full notice & vnderstanding of Our Royal pleasure and commaundement before declared; And to see the same duely obserued in all things according to the tenour and true meaning of the same, vpon paine of Our heauy indignation and displeasure, and of such punishment and penalties, as by Our Lawes and statutes can or may be inflicted or imposed vpon wilfull contemners of our commandement and prerogatiue Royall: Neuertheless, Our will and pleasure is, And we doe by these presents signifie and declare Our Royall intent and meaning to bee, That all and enery Our Subiects of our Realme of Scotland, shalbe subiect to such forfeitures and penalties in case of deteyning of Custome or other dueties and colouring Strangers Goodes, or otherwise in like maner as our Subiects of England and Ireland respectiuely are by the Lawes or Statutes of either Realme, or by our prerogatiue Royall lyable vnto. IN Witnesse whereof we haue caused these our Letters to be made Patents.

Witnesse Our selfe at Westminster the twelfth day of April, in the thirteenth yeere of Our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the eight and fourtieth.

God saue the King.

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